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**Day of Pentecost**

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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus and the witness of Martin Luther, we acknowledge that we are both sinners and saints in need of the grace and love of God. Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of + the One

who was, who is, and who is to come. Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

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**Hymn of Praise ( first verse only)**

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### **Prayer of the Day**

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Acts 2:1-21**

### **First Lesson is from the second chapter of Acts**

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Second Lesson is from the eighth chapter of Romans**

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**P:** The word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation****Page 205****Gospel:****John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

8 Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children’s Sermon****Christa Klar****Homily****Don Allphin****Hymn of the Day***“Rock of Ages”***ELW 623****Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Hear us, O God

**C:** Your mercy is great

## **The Sharing of the Peace**

## **The Offering**

### **Offering Response**

#### **“Doxology”**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below,**

**Praise Him above ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. **Amen**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

**ELW 400**

### **Dismissal**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



The flowers on the altar today were  
given by

**James and Karen Tiner**

In celebration on their  
41st Wedding Anniversary

"Joined in love on June 9, 1984,  
James and Karen  
—blessed evermore.

Through years of laughter,  
trials, and grace,  
God's light has shone  
upon their place."

**Happy Anniversary !**



**6-9 Martha Neva**

**6-12 Everett Lange**



**6-9 James and Karen Tiner**

**6-12 Brad and Regina Nelson**

## Weekly News 6/8-14/25

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**6-8**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Service /  
Children's Church

10:00 am

Don Allphin

**6-9**

Handbell Practice 4:00 pm

**6-10**

St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am

**6-15**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Communion Worship Service /  
Children's Church

10:00 am

**Father's Day**

**Pastor Ken Weiss**



### New Congregational Meetings' Schedule

**June 22, 2025**

The tentative schedule for **June 22nd** will be as  
follows:

Worship service (no communion)

Research committee presentation and Q&A with  
the congregation

Congregational lunch

Meeting with Bishop Rinehart (12:30 pm)

**July 6th, 2025**

Congregational Meeting starts

After 10:00 am Worship Service

Vote will take place

See last page of this bulletin for full letter

Sent to congregation on June 5th, 2025.

### Prevailing Prayer List

James and Carol Wenzel  
Ronnie and Bonnie Smith

Deana Keller

Roy Dierschke

Carolyn Rash

Mike Rankin

Carol Smith

Nic Norboge

Emily Drymala

Kendall Manna

Molly Arndt

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Hennekee

Lupe Nava

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

Delores Dittert

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Brad Wood

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Nathan Schulke

The Family of Sheriff Gene  
Hermes of Burleson County, in  
their time of sorrow

### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Colonial Bell– Sealy**  
**Katherine Ludwig**  
**Argent Court –Brenham**  
**Carrie Froebel**  
**Columbus Oaks**  
**Marilyn Wendt**  
**HOMEBOUND:**  
**Katherine Washburn**

**Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98**

#### Offerings 6-1-25

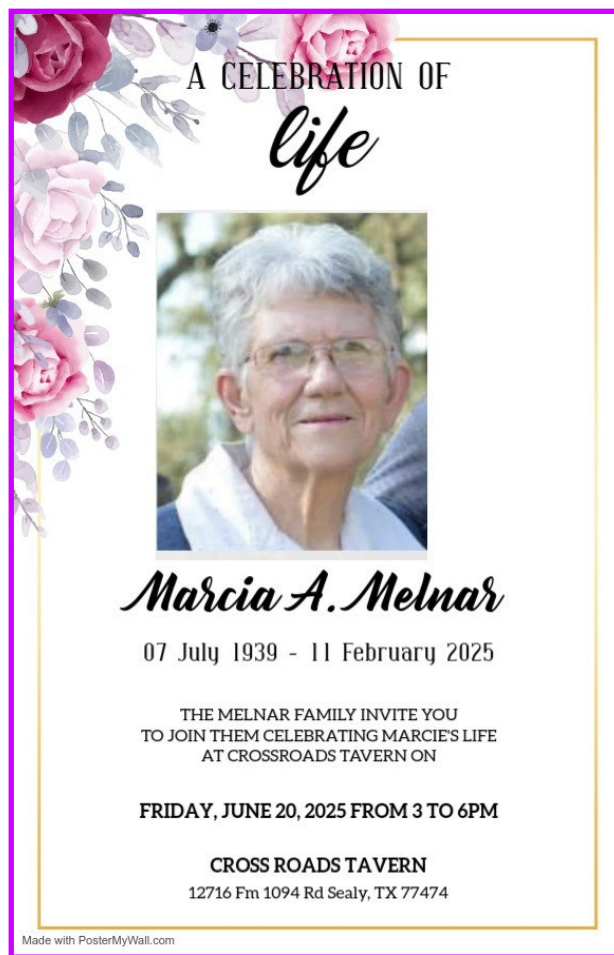
General Fund 1155.00

Total 1155.00

Attendance 48

Online NA


Come and Go



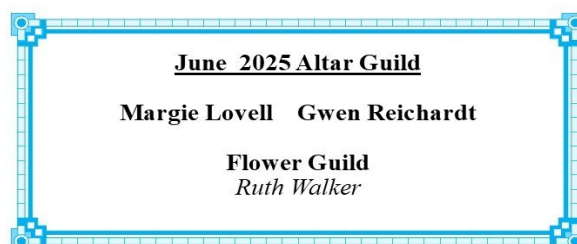
## June 2025 Ministry Duties

### St. John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Flowers: Unless there is an \* asterisk by your name, the altar guild understands that you will supply the flowers or plant for that Sunday. If problem arises please call office at 979-865-5444 or **Ruth Walker, Flower Guild, at 713-816-0629**. If you cannot fulfil one of these duties, just call office! Council on Duty-- If you cant make it on scheduled day, please check with other Council to trade Sundays.

Date		Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
June 8	Don Allphin	Laurie	Layla Ordner	Ruth Walker	The Tiner's
June 15	Pastor Ken Weiss	Doug and Tim	Volunteer	Ruth Walker	The Findeisen's
June 22 	Don Allphin	Doug	Volunteer	Brooklynn Logan	Open
June 29	Don Allphin	Mary and Laurie	Rhett Reichardt	Denise Lange	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar





# St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

*"Actively reaching out . . . showing God's love to all."*

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June 5, 2025

All,

I would like to make you all aware of some changes to the upcoming special congregational meetings.

Unfortunately, the first voting meeting scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, regarding whether our congregation will stay affiliated with the ELCA, must be postponed until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Upon speaking with Bishop Rinehart, our congregation is required to meet with him two weeks prior to holding our first vote.

Bishop Rinehart is now scheduled to meet with our congregation (in person) on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, council would like the research committee to present their information on June 22<sup>nd</sup> as well following our church service. It is important that the research committee has the opportunity to share their findings with our congregation (without interruptions) and provide specific information about the (5) denominations that they researched. We want to ensure that our congregation is well-informed ahead of the first vote on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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- Worship service (no communion)
- Research committee presentation and Q&A with the congregation
- Congregational lunch
- Meeting with Bishop Rinehart (12:30 pm)

I would also like to address the question that was asked regarding the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) as the only choice for an alternative affiliation when we hold the first vote. Based on the research committee's findings and council's own research and discernment, it was determined (by council) that the ELCA no longer aligns with our congregation's theological convictions and mission.

Council's intent was to simplify the voting process by narrowing down the selection to the synod (NALC) that most closely aligns with our congregation's bible-based, Christ-centered ministry. However, the research committee will cover specific information regarding each of the Lutheran synods they researched so that you can decide for yourselves which denomination makes the most sense for our congregation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any member of council.

Sincerely,

Robin Haugen, St. John Council President

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